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International Year of Older Persons, 1999: towards a society for all ages

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling the Proclamation on Ageing,[1] adopted on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the World Assembly on Ageing, in which the General Assembly, *inter alia*, decided to observe the year 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 52/80 of 12 December 1997, in which the Assembly decided to devote four plenary meetings at its fifty-fourth session to the follow-up to the Year, which should take place at an appropriate global policy-making level,

Welcoming recent contributions by Governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to the Trust Fund for Ageing which continues to play a small but catalytic role in enabling developing countries to respond to the ageing of their populations,

Welcoming also the support provided by States to the United Nations Secretariat in developing an Internet-accessible database on policies and programmes on ageing, intended to facilitate the review and appraisal of the implementation of major international instruments on ageing,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts of the United Nations Secretariat to elaborate a framework for a long-term perspective strategy on ageing, including a research agenda for the twenty-first century, and policy approaches for a society for all ages,

[1] General Assembly resolution 47/5 of 16 October 1992, annex.

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1. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the note of the Secretary-General entitled "International Year of Older Persons and follow-up arrangements";[2]

2. *Acknowledges also with appreciation* the pioneering role of the non-governmental community in worldwide observances of the International Year of Older Persons and the International Day of Older Persons;

3. *Urges* States to present to the General Assembly at the four plenary sessions of its fifty-fourth session that are being devoted to follow-up to the Year, their national reports on observances of the Year, policy approaches to ageing, and best practices for a society for all ages;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Secretariat to incorporate, as feasible, the experiences, policies and best practices reported by States into a long-term strategy on ageing, encompassing periodic reviews, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session in the year 2001;

5. *Invites* the regional commissions, within their respective mandates, to participate in monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing[3] in their respective regions as well as to contribute to the development of a future long-term strategy on ageing;

6. *Urges* interested States, United Nations agencies and bodies, non-governmental organizations, research centres and the private sector to continue to support the United Nations programme on ageing in developing a long-term policy-oriented research agenda and in facilitating promotional and coordination activities for 1999 and beyond;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to solicit the views of States, non-governmental organizations and the private sector on updating the International Plan of Action on Ageing and on the desirability and feasibility of convening in the year 2002 a review of the outcome of the World Assembly on Ageing including the interrelationship of ageing and development;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[2] E/CN.5/1999/8

[3] See *Report of the World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna, 26 July–6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI.